

American girl became the wife of the heir to the throne of Cleopatra. Life in an Egyptian harem made the princess very unhappy and after many handships she finally escaped. Now she is going to act out her interesting life in moving-pictures.

She has taken Miss Shipman into her confidence and told her the sec-

rets of life in a harem and these are the foundation of the scenarios, entitled "Under the Crescent," written by Nell Shipman.

The princess and writer will spend much time together in Universal City where Princess Hassan is reconstructing the modern land of Pharaoh.

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

Jess Willard will be the biggest man Jack Johnson ever met. That is, on the point of heft. In regards to cleverness, Jess is several notches below some of the past opponents of the big smoka.

Willard plans to enter the ring weighing 233 pounds, while Johnson intends to scale down to 220 if possible. At present he wavers the beam at 225.

Apparently this Johnson-Willard scrap is the beginning of a pugilistic era in Cuba. The island is sport loving and tolerant of all forms of athletic endeavor. The natives, however, need to be educated to appreciate battling with fists, knives having played an important part in their personal encounters for generations.

Appetizers in the form of bouts between ordinary fighters are being provided this week, and the Cubans are catching on to the finer parts of the game. The advance seat sale for the heavyweight fight assures a big house, many women having signified their intention of attending. Fear of racial troubles in case a black triumphs over a white have passed, the Cubans having come to realize that both are prizefighters and that talk of winning back the title for the "honor of the white race" is mostly bunk.

When fighters and promoters put on a fight their main eye is toward the coin that will accrue, and not to any attendant honors to the white, red or black races.

If confidence goes very far, and the testimony of all baseball pilots is that it does, Joe Benz will be a valuable prop to the White Sox pitching staff again this season. The star spitballer was to have been left on the coast to recuperate from a winter's illness. When the first squad reached Los Angeles on the trek homeward Joe had something to say about the arrangement.

He refused to stay behind and insisted on accompanying the regulars. He told Manager Rowland he was strong enough to do his usual job of work, and had proved it by some recent stunts with the yannigans. Joe offered to bet that by the time the team reaches the major league belt he will be ready to go against the big fellows, and intimated he might ask for the assignment of pitching against the St. Louis Browns in the first tilt of the American league campaign.

He will hardly get his wish, but he is showing a powerful lot of spirit and deserves great credit. Benz in the past has worked to overcome the obstacles that beset his path and triumphed because of his courage.

We were never indicted as a member of the clairvoyant trust, but we'd like to venture the prediction that Jim Scott will be out in the center of the diamond at the first gong. Scott followed his plan of last season, going to the coast ahead of the regular squad and working diligently to prepare himself. The result shows in